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The New York assembly, by a vote of 54 to 92, defeated Governor Sulzer's direct primary bill.

An Annapolis, Md., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: Ensign William D. Billingsley of Mississippi, was instantly killed and Lieutenant John T. Towers of Georgia was probably seriously injured when the biplane in which they were maneuvering over the Chesapeake bay in the vicinity of Kent Island, collapsed and threw both men into the water. A party in a motor boat witnessed the accident and rescued Lieutenant Towers. They did not stop to search for Ensign Billingsley, as his body was not in sight and it was presumed that he had sunk. Lieutenant Towers was so badly hurt that all speed was made for the naval hospital at Annapolis.

The officers started early from the naval academy in a hydro-aeroplane for Claiborne, Md.

When about five to seven miles from Annapolis, the hydro-aeroplane, at an altitude of about 1,600 feet, capsized and began to fall, and when it had dropped about 400 feet Ensign Billingsley fell, or was thrown out and killed.

Lieutenant Towers remained in the machine and fell with it into Chesapeake bay, where he was rescued and hurried to the naval academy hospital, injured, although it is not known how badly. Boats from the naval academy are searching for Billingsley's body and for the wreckage of the machine to find evidence of the cause of the accident. The death of Ensign Billingsley makes a total of nine fatalities in the government service since the army began experiments with heavier than air machines at Fort Myer, Va., in 1908. His death is the first in the aviation corps of the navy. Billingsley was born in Mississippi in 1887, graduated from the naval academy in 1909 and was attached to the aviation corps in that year.

Lieutenant Towers is a native of Georgia. He was born in 1885, graduated from the naval academy in 1906 and assigned to the aviation corps last December.

The Johnstown, Pa., Democrat says: George Fred Williams has at last become a benedict. His marriage occurred recently and the friends of that brilliant gentleman in this city and elsewhere, while congratulating him on the happy change in his state, will equally congratulate the lady who now bears his name. She may well be proud to be the wife of one who has borne so high and noble a part in the great progressive movement which is now coming in sight of its goal.

A Seattle, Wash., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: Colonel Alden J. Blethen, editor of the Seattle Times, and his son, Clarence Blethen, managing editor of the paper, were found not guilty of criminal libel by a jury in the superior court. The defendants were accused in an indictment returned recently by a special county grand jury of having libeled Joseph Jarvis, a socialist, by publishing last October an article alleging that Jarvis had absconded with funds belonging to the socialist party. The verdict of acquittal was returned on instructions of Superior Judge Humphries, who granted the motion of the defense for an instructed verdict on the

ground that the prosecution had failed to show malice.

It was brought out by the defense that the Times had printed the article after an investigation of a general rumor. When it was learned that the statement regarding Jarvis was incorrect an offer was made to publish a retraction, but this was rejected by Jarvis. Judge Humphries rebuked Jarvis for refusing to accept the publication of a retraction and said that if every newspaper man who made a mistake were sent to jail there would not be jail room enough to hold them.

Superior Judge Ronald dismissed as defective the indictment against Leroy Saunders, editor of the Seattle Star. Saunders was accused of having criminally libeled County Commissioner Hamilton during the agitation preceding the calling of the grand jury to investigate county officers.

Only one indictment returned by the recent grand jury now remains. This is against Edward Clayton, sr., editor of the Patriarch, a weekly paper, and accuses him of having libeled Judge Ronald by making attacks on his character.

An Associated Press dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., follows: Arraignment of labor unions, in which it is charged that they form the "most widespread and aggressively exacting trust in America," is contained in the farewell message of Joseph M. Brown, presented to the Georgia legislature. Governor Brown's criticism is made in connection with his argument for the enactment of laws requiring compulsory arbitration of differences between employers and employees.

"The trend of the laws of the present day is to suppress combinations and restraint of trade," states the message. "Yet, while it is a matter of public note that the labor trust is the most widespread and aggressively exacting trust in America, politicians pander to it because of its voting power. The labor unions, by combination which they work through strikes and kindred methods are aggressively levying a toll on the other elements of our citizenship. They have organized a trust and demand that all other people buy labor at whatever price they choose to put on it. And contemporaneously they are trying to force from employment all similar workmen who don't join their orders."

The governor states he does not declare that all of the members of labor unions are wilful violators of the law.

"Yet, they are the victims of a system which is breeding anarchy," he says.

Jack Johnson, the prize fighter, who was under conviction for a white slave crime, escaped to Canada. His case is pending appeal to the higher court. It is believed he intends to forfeit his bond. A Montreal dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, accompanied by his white wife, Lucille Cameron Johnson, is booked to sail for Havre on the Allen line steamer Corinthian Sunday morning. Canadian immigration officials located Johnson with a view of taking summary deportation action should he fail to comply with the restrictions of the immigration laws. The negro pugilist, in response to a demand of the officials,

produced a through ticket to Havre, purchased in Chicago. By this bit of strategy, Johnson tied the hands of the Canadian immigration authorities. They are powerless to act further than to see that he leaves the country on the ship on which he is booked to sail.

To the immigration officials Johnson said that on June 23 he purchased two through tickets in Chicago for Havre in the name of John Arthur Johnson and wife, that he boarded a train for Toronto, Tuesday night, left it at Hamilton and motored to Toronto where he boarded another train for Montreal. He said he was not questioned by immigration officials at the Canadian border and experienced no difficulty in crossing the line. Johnson said he was fully advised of his rights and privileges before leaving Chicago.

Having answered the officials' questions satisfactorily, Johnson was allowed to depart, but it is understood a further inquiry will be made before he goes aboard the Corinthian.

The immigration officials stated that they were acting independently of the United States officials and at the immigration office it was said no official communication with reference to Johnson had been received from Washington or Chicago.

A Chicago dispatch says: Benjamin Bachrach, attorney for Jack Johnson, asserted that under the bond Johnson is pledged only to appear in court when wanted. It was only recently that Federal Judge Carpenter reduced the bond from \$30,000 to \$15,000. In the district attorney's office it is asserted that the bond was intended to hold the pugilist at all times within the jurisdiction of the court. When application was made for reduction of the bond counsel for the government argued that \$15,000 was a small sum to influence the actions of a man of Johnson's earning power. The negro is reputed to be worth \$100,000. Mr. Bachrach said his client told him he could make \$300,000 in Europe if he could get away. Johnson recently disposed of his automobiles, but whether he shipped them to Germany, as had been rumored, could not be learned. Charles F. DeWoody, local agent of the department of justice, said the matter of reducing Johnson's bond came up suddenly a few days ago, and he did not know of it until half an hour after the ap-

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